Turnover of Citylinks Airways

788. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of citylink Airways in the country;

(b) what are the details of the turnover of the company during the last two years, till date ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to add more aircraft from Delhi-Ludhiana-Chandigarh in its present operations ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) ; M|s. Citylink Airways, E.22 Poorvimarg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, has been issued an Air Taxi operators permit. Details relating to turnover of the company are not available as the operators are not required to furnish such details to aviation authorities.

(c) No, Sir.

Health Club in Ashoka Hotel

789. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi under ITDC has started its health club;

(b) if so, what is the total amount spent on it and by whom;

(c) what is the approximate monthly income from this Health Club; and

(d) whether ITDC is planning to start its own Health Clubs in other Hotels of Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 31-3-93. ITDC incurred an expenditure of Rs. 62.80 lakhs (provisional) on the Health Club of Ashok Hotel, New Delhi.

(c) At present, monthly average income from the Health Club is of the order of Rs. 62,000.

(d) Presently, no such proposal is under consideration of ITDC.

Operation of City-Airways to Ludhiana

790. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the City-Airways, the second biggest private airline in the country, extended its operation to Ludhiana, the premier industrial town of Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whehter it is also a fact that Citylink Airways is interested to increase air services in the Punjab belt only; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) M|s. Citylink had been operating to Ludhiana with F-27 aircraft for about two months but their operations has stopped as the certificate of airworthiness of the aircraft expired on 1-5-1993.

(c) and (d) M|s. Citylink has not submitted to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation any such programme of expansion.